Benefits from National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation

2839. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the benefits of National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation under the Ministry has not reached to those differently abled people who needed it inspite of the fact that authorized share capital of the corporation is Rs. 400 crore and paid up capital is Rs. 68.30 crore;

(b) whether according to the Ministry only 12 people were financially assisted in 2005-06 respectively compared to 531 in 2003-04 and 152 in 2004-05; and

(c) if so, the efforts being made to provide financial assistance to all the disabled people in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation has so far disbursed amounts to cover the need of 25,469 persons with disabilities till 30th November, 2006.

(b) and (c) During the years 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06, the number of beneficiaries covered by the Corporation were 5565, 3282 and 4765 respectively.

Definition of creamy layer for OBC

2840. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the definition of creamy layer as laid down by Central Government in case of OBCs at present;

(b) whether Government are aware of the criteria being followed by the State Governments in this regard, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether persons with State OBC certificates are entitled for reservation benefits under Central Government jobs, admission in Central educational institutions, etc.;

(d) if so, the justification therefor;

(e) what purpose is served by the Central Government and the States presenting different criterion for determining the creamy layer; and

(f) whether Government see any need for rationalization in this area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The creamy layer has been defined vide Government of India Office Memorandum (OM) No. 36012/22/93-Estt(SCT) dated 8th September, 1993 as amended vide OM No. 36033/3/2004-Estt. (Res) dated 9th march, 2004. As per these, children of certain categories of persons holding constitutional posts, Officers of certain categories of persons working in the Central/ State Governments, Public Sector Undertakings, Armed forces including Para Military Forces, Professional class and those engaged in Trade and Indusry, certain property owners etc. and the persons having gross annual income of Rs. 2.5 lakh or above or possessing wealth above the exemption limit as prescribed in the Wealth Tax Act for a period of three consecutive years are fall in creamy layer.

(b) The State Governments are free to fix their own criteria for purposes of the State list.

(c) Persons with State list of OBC certficate are not entitled for reservation in civil services and posts under Central Government. At present, no reservation for OBCs is provided in Central educational institutions.

(d) to (f) In pursuance of the judgment of Supreme Court delivered in 1992 in Indira Shawheny & Others Vs Union of India & Others case, Central Government and all the State Governments/Union Territories set up their own Commissions for identification of Castes/Communities for inclusion in the Central/State lists. The judgement also mentioned that it shall be open to the Government of India and respective State Governments to device the procedures/methods to be followed by such bodies.